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Letter dated 4 September 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to our correspondence on the developments in Blue Nile State, I have the honour to attach herewith two letters from the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ali Ahmed Karti, regarding the ongoing violations of the SPLM/SPLA/ Northern Sector in that state as well as the efforts and measures taken by the Government of the Sudan to restore peace and stability and address the humanitarian needs in Blue Nile State (see annexes).

I should be grateful if the two letters from the Minister for Foreign Affairs could be circulated as documents of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dafa-Alla Elhag Ali **Osman**
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Annex I to the letter dated 4 September 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to our previous correspondence regarding developments in Blue Nile State, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Sudan has established a committee to assess the legal situation in the state and to receive complaints and conduct the necessary investigations regarding the violations committed by the SPLA forces there.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs is coordinating with all the national and international non-governmental organizations to facilitate the smooth channelling of relief assistance to the displaced persons who were affected by the military attacks of SPLM/SPLA/Northern Sector, which were carried out with the consent and under the personal guidance of the former governor who defected, Mr. Malik Agar.

The National Humanitarian Commission has also dispatched a technical team to assess needs in the affected areas. According to official information, the majority of the displaced persons are from Alroseris town and their numbers are estimated at between 30,000 and 40,000; all of them are in good condition and have started to return to their homes.

In conveying the above-mentioned information, I should like to reiterate the commitment of the Government of the Sudan to the peaceful settlement of conflicts in all regions. I should also be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ali Ahmed **Karti**
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Annex II to the letter dated 4 September 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to our previous correspondence regarding the heinous violations committed by the SPLM/SPLA in the Blue Nile State, I would regrettably convey to you that the violations and crimes by the SPLM/SPLA are still taking place in the Blue Nile State, the latest of which are the harassment and aggression by the SPLA forces against a number of foreign expatriates from Greece, Pakistan, India, China and Turkey working in mining companies and other vital developmental projects in the Blue Nile State.

The SPLM/SPLA bears the moral and legal responsibility for these crimes against foreign expatriates in the state. They are also responsible for obstructing and halting the execution of those developmental projects.

In conveying the aforementioned information, the Government of the Sudan calls on the Security Council and the Secretariat of the United Nations to urge SPLM/SPLA to stop those violations.

The Government of the Sudan will spare no effort to apprehend the perpetrators and ensure the safety and security of foreign expatriates in the Blue Nile State.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ali Ahmed **Karti**
Minister for Foreign Affairs